sends the rate quote to the operator module.

2. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the database look-up is also based on time and date information.

3. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the request for a rate quote comprises a request to assign a rate to the call.

4. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the caller identifier comprises rate information assigned to a caller's network access number.

5. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein, for non-postalized rates, the rating system computes the distance using vertical and horizontal coordinates of an originating location and a location of the called number.

6. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the rate system assigns a single rate to all calls and the rate is cost per time unit.

7. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the rate comprises a cost per call.

REMARKS

Applicants request cancellation of the identified claims and entry of new claims.